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1. At the behest of the Office of the UnderSecretary of State for Economic Affairs, Chief D/D and Acting Chief, D/NE on 10 September briefed a task force (listed in Appendix) which Mr. Kissinger has charged with developing a Commission on Cooperation with Iran. The Commission will head for Tehran sometime after Mr. Kissinger's visit with the Shah, tentatively scheduled for late November 1974. It is Mr. Kissinger's intention [redacted] to develop close US tie-ins with Iranian economic development which will give the US leverage in future oil-policy deliberations.

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2. [redacted] outlined Iran's economic development to date, its current economic conditions and problems, its developmental targets, and areas in which the US could be helpful. In the discussions that followed, the task force thrashed around for specific projects, approaches, and ways of "packaging" a US program of public sector and private economic undertakings with Iran. Although no hard conclusions were drawn, there seemed to be a general consensus that the best approach would be to let the Iranians themselves spell out what they want from the US rather than trying to superimpose a US program on the Shah. It was quite clear to all that more "home work" was needed on the subject.

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3. The OER participants were thanked for a useful input to the first meeting of the task force and, in turn, indicated a willingness to assist in the upcoming work of the group. Our contact will be Mr. Joel Biller, who chaired the meeting and is the Special Assistant to the UnderSecretary for Economic Affairs.

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Acting Chief,  
Near East/Africa Branch

Attachment:

Appendix: List of State Participants.

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APPENDIX

State Department Officials at 10 September Meeting  
of Task Force on Commission on Cooperation with  
Iran

Joel Biller, Special Assistant to the UnderSecretary of  
State for Economic Affairs

Morris Draper, Special Assistant to Assistant Secretary  
of State for Near East Affairs

Nelson Sievering, Jr., Director, Office of Scientific  
Affairs

Mr. Glitman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International  
Trade Policy, Bureau of Economic and  
Business Affairs

Carl Schmidt, Director, Office of International Trade,  
Assistant Secretary for International  
Trade Policy

Clark Ellis, Office of Investment Affairs

William Witting, Office of Investment Affairs

Steve Nelson, Department of State's Legal Office

Thomas Stern, Office of Political and Military Affairs

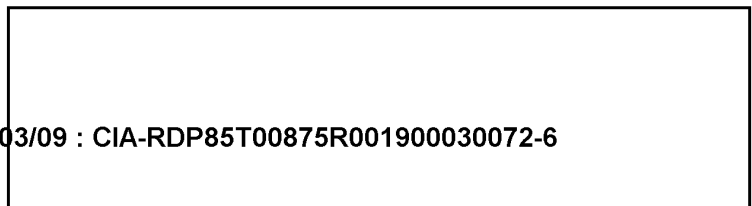
Mr. Nesvig, Office of UnderSecretary for Economic Affairs

Mr. Kolb, Office of UnderSecretary for Economic Affairs

Byron Morton, Economic Officer, NEA/Iran

Mr. Bernbaum, AID

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